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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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Ref. # 10198038

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your correspondence dated May 3, 2007, concerning your model year (MY) 2002 Toyota Prius vehicle. The California New Motor Vehicle Board forwarded your correspondence to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) Office of Defects Investigation. It was received on July 24, 2007.

NHTSA is the Federal agency responsible for improving safety on our Nation's highways. We are authorized to order manufacturers to recall and repair vehicles or items of motor vehicle equipment when our investigations indicate that they contain serious safety defects in their design, construction, or performance. In order for the agency to initiate an investigation, we look carefully at the body of consumer complaints and other available data to determine whether a defect may exist. We cannot act on isolated problems or resolve disputes between individual owners, dealers, or manufacturers.

We appreciate the report you provided. Reports from motorists are a very important source of information for us. Each report is analyzed and entered into a database to determine whether an investigation into a possible safety defect is warranted.

A review of our database relative to the design that prevents rear alignments and, in turn, causes premature tire wear on MY 2002 Toyota Prius vehicles revealed insufficient evidence to warrant opening a safety defect investigation at this time. The information you provided has been entered into our database. It will be considered with future reports to identify any safety defect trends that may require our attention.

Should you encounter a safety-related problem with a motor vehicle or item of motor vehicle equipment in the future, you can complete an electronic Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire online at <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/ivoq>. Also, a summary listing of vehicle owners' complaints, safety recalls, manufacturers' service bulletins, etc. can be obtained at <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/cars/problems>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. DeMeter', followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Kathleen C. DeMeter, Director
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement